

Nevada Board of Agriculture Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 1, 2017 8:00 A.M.



Meeting location: The Capitol Building,
Old Assembly Chambers
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AGENDA

1. Open meeting-call meeting to order by Chair Paul Anderson 8:20

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Roll call

Board in CC: Dave Coon, Charlie Frey, Heather Lackey, Dave Stix Jr., Paul Anderson, Woody Worthington, Tim Dufurrena, Boyd Spratling, Jim Snyder arrived at 9:00. Staff: Jim Barbee, Dennis Belcourt, Doug Farris, Donnell Barton, Debra Crowley, Tatjana Vukovic, JJ Goicoechea, Rebecca Allured, Jerri Conrad. Board in LV: Paul Noe. Board in Elko: Pete Paris. Staff: Billie Brazeal. Board in Sparks: None. Staff: Shawn McFalls, Aspen Kuhlman.

2. Public Comment

3. Minutes

- A. *Approve December 7, 2016 meeting minutes (*for possible action*)

Dave Stix Jr. motions to approve the December 7, 2016 meeting minutes. Paul Noe seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

4. Director's Report

- A. Report – Director Barbee (*for information*)

5. Administration

- A. Introduction of Fiscal Administrator Debra Crowley – Director Barbee (*for information*)
- B. An Economic Analysis of the Food and Agriculture Sector in Nevada – Information and Education Officer Tatjana Vukovic (*for information*)
- C. Board update – Fiscal Administrator Debra Crowley (*for information*)
- D. Board update – Public Information Officer II Rebecca Allured (*for information*)

6. Animal Industry

- A. Introduction of Animal Industry Administrator Doug Farris – Director Barbee (*for information*)
- B. Head tax/Ewell – Administrator Doug Farris (*for information*)

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C. Board update – Administrator Doug Farris (*for information*)

7. Consumer Equitability

A. Board update – Administrator Bart O’Toole (*for information*)

8. Food & Nutrition

A. Update on adoption of regulations R082-15 amending NAC Chapter 387 permitting a Breakfast After the Bell Waiver to allow school districts to not serve breakfast after the bell under certain circumstances. Director’s authority. – Administrator Donnell Barton, Director Barbee (*for information*)

B. Board update - Administrator Donnell Barton (*for information*)

9. Plant Industry

A. Update on Adoption of amendments to NAC Chapter 587 Agriculture Products, Seeds and Farm Equipment for the seed program to have the ability to certify industrial hemp seed grown in Nevada. Director’s authorities. – Deputy Director Lynn Hettrick, Director Barbee. (*for information*)

B. *Request to go to workshop and hearing to amend NAC chapter 555.010 Designation and categorization of noxious weeds. – Deputy Director Lynn Hettrick (*for possible action*)

Boyd Spratling moves to approve to go to workshop and hearing to amend NAC Chapter 555.010 Designation and categorization of noxious weeds. Woody Worthington seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

C. *Request to approve and adopt as emergency regulations, amendments to NAC chapter 557 regarding Industrial Hemp. – Deputy Director Lynn Hettrick (*for possible action*)

Dave Stix moves to approve and adopt as emergency regulations, amendments to NAC chapter 557 regarding Industrial Hemp subject to the governor’s emergency approval. Woody Worthington seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

D. *Request from the Alfalfa Research and Promotion Board to expend \$5,000 from the assessment budget as a donation to the National Alfalfa & Forage Alliance to maintain membership. – Deputy Director Lynn Hettrick (*for possible action*)

Boyd Spratling moves to approve the Alfalfa Research and Promotion Board request to expend \$5,000 from the assessment budget as a donation to the National Alfalfa & Forage Alliance to maintain membership. Woody Worthington seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

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E. Board update – Deputy Director Lynn Hettrick (*for information*)

10. Board Member Presentations

A. *Declaration of sheep head tax pursuant to NRS 562.160 (*for possible action*) – Pete Paris

Dave Stix moves to approve declaration of sheep head tax pursuant to NRS 562.160.
Jim Snyder seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

11. Public Comment

12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:01.